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Sir:

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

I, Véronique MAHE, declare and state that:

1. I am a French citizen, residing at 90 Avenue de Cherbourg, Vaux sur seine 78740, France.
2. I have been awarded a 3rd degree in Chemistry & Cosmetic from the ISIPCA.
3. I have been employed by L'ORÉAL since 2002, and I am presently a Lab manager in the hair care research laboratory at L'ORÉAL. During my employment at

L'ORÉAL, I have been engaged in the research and development of hair care Products.

4. I performed the experiment described below at the direction of one of the three inventors of the above-identified application.

5. Given my education and experience, particularly in the area of hair care, I consider myself able to provide the following testimony based on experiments conducted by me or under my direct supervision.

COMPARATIVE TESTING

Comparative testing was performed with inventive Composition A and comparative Composition B. Composition A was prepared according to the present invention, containing a silicone copolymer, a cationic surfactant, and an additional silicone that is insoluble. Composition B was prepared in accordance with the cited prior art, containing a water soluble silicone.

I. COMPOSITIONS

The test compositions are summarized in the following table and described in detail below:

	Composition A (Invention)	Composition B
-Cetyl and stearyl alcohol	3 g	3 g
-cetyltrimethylammonium chloride	2.5 gAM	2.5 gAM
-Cationic emulsion containing 67% AM of copolymer of polydimethyl siloxane containing α,ω -vinyl groups/ polydimethyl siloxane containing α,ω -hydrogeno groups (DC-1997 from Dow Corning)	1.8 gAM	1.8 gAM
-Polydimethylsiloxane (DC200 Fluid-60,000CS from Dow Corning)	1 g	

insoluble Silicone		
-Polydiméthylsiloxane à groupement ammonium (ABILQUAT 3474 de GOLDSCHMIDT)	-	1 g
water soluble silicone		
-Fragrance, preserving agents	qs	qs
-Water	100 g	

II. CONDITIONING PROCESS

At the time of use, each of the above compositions was applied to ten samples of washed and dried hair. The compositions were left to stand on the hair for two minutes, then rinsed off with water and dried.

III. DISENTANGLING DETERMINATION

Skilled persons assessed the disentangling of the dried hair on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the best.

IV. RESULTS

The results are given below as an average of the scores for the ten samples tested with each composition:

A: 3.3

B: 2.7

These results show that the hair treated with the composition of the invention comprising insoluble silicone showed improved disentangling, by 22%, over the composition of the prior art comprising water soluble silicone.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false

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